

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	:	OFFICIAL
WILLIAM S. HALLIDAY, et al.	:	
Serial No.: 10/634,334	:	Group Art Unit: 1712
Filed: August 4, 2003	:	Examiner: MARC S. ZIMMER
For: WATER-BASED DRILLING FLUIDS	:	Docket No.: 154-23110-USCP
USING LATEX ADDITIVES	:	Date: October 9, 2007

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111 AND TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

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Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action dated July 30, 2007, setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months, please enter the subject response.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

The status of all claims and amendments thereto begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 8.

Applicants believe that no fee is necessary for the entry of this Amendment since it is submitted within 3 months of the Action and no more claims are added than those previously paid for. However, in an abundance of caution, if a fee is necessary for the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0429 (154-23110-USCP, Baker Hughes Incorporated).